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Press freedom and independent journalism in the Arab World and the Middle East

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The World Congress of the International Federation of Journalists meeting in Angers on June 7th – 10th 2016,

Appalled by the brutal attacks on journalists and media in the Arab World and the Middle East by armed groups, non – state actors across the region;

Condemns the increasingly oppressive government attacks on press freedom, independent journalism and trade union independence in the region;

Applaud the tireless efforts of IFJ affiliates in the region to stand up for the safety, social and professional rights in the region and its latest achievement of adopting the Declaration on Media Freedom in the Arab World and the support for establishment a special regional mechanism to support media freedom adopted in the regional conference hosted by SNPM in Casablanca on 2-4 May 2016 on the occasion of celebrating WPFJ in cooperation with the IFJ and Federation of Arab Journalists.

The congress instruct the IFJ Executive Committee to:

Call on all regional governments, regional and international organizations and institutions to adopt this Declaration and to support the establishment of the special regional mechanism to support media freedom in the Arab World.